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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone was fully steady on hens and steady to fully steady on toms. Trading was heavy on frozen hens and toms delivered West, moderate in the East and light in the Central Region. Inquires were stronger and availability tighter on frozen whole turkeys for delivery before Thanksgiving. Interest in co-packing was noted in some areas to help fill prior commitments. Trading was active on plant grade 4-8 lb breasts. Lower trending offering prices surfaced on fresh tom breast meat. Tom parts were steady to fully steady with the exception of v-type wings which were steady to weak.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Export activity was light and spotty. Hen v-type wings moved at lower trending prices. Thigh meat was about steady with supplies held with varying degrees of confidence.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **OCTOBER 04, 2001**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/					FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	70-73	71-73	71.90	200	74.00	160	OCT	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	69-71	71	71.00-	200	83.00	40	NOV	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	70-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	66-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65-67	66	66.00	400	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	70-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	69-74	69-74	70.04	960	73.00	800	NOV	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	65-67	65-67	66.14	560	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	264	OCT-NOV
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-69	67-69	67.04	2240	67.00	800	NOV	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF OCT 05, 2001	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	71.12	70.13	78.00
CENTRAL REGION	71.06	68.00	77.07
WESTERN REGION	71.04	69.07	77.00**
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	66.14	66.00	75.00
CENTRAL REGION	66.00	64.00	74.00
WESTERN REGION	67.04	65.00	73.50**

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	98
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	98
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	68-76
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	70-76
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	71-76

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	87-102
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	81-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	81-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	81-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	93-101

FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS
PER POUND, WEEK OF 08-OCT-2001

	(8-16#)	(16-24#)
	HENS	LBS TOMS
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000) PRICE (000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	80.42	392 71.50 40
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	80.42	392 71.50 40
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)		
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND
(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)**SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS**

AUGUST	462,849*
SEPTEMBER 1-29, 2001	443,054*
To date 2001	3,871,161*
To date 2000	3,954,728*

* PRELIMINARY

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 29-Sep-2001
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

<u>YOUNG TURKEYS</u>			<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>		
	PCT	AVG		OLD	AVG
	CHG	LIVE		BANDED	LIVE
<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	PW	WT	<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	WT	
N EAST	880	3	21.44	(A)	880 21.44
SATL	891	3	26.40	(A)	891 26.40
N CENT	2,405	-1	28.44	(A)	2,405 28.44
S CENT	410	-2	19.88	(A)	410 19.88
WEST	584	9	24.01	(A)	584 24.01
U.S.TOTAL	5,170(B)	1	25.72	0	5,170 25.72

TO DATE

2001 186,454(B) 429 186,883

TO DATE

2000 186,918(B) 1,095 188,013

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 45,000; for the year 1,711,000; last year to date 1,095,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

WEEK ENDING 29-Sep-2001

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG OLD</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		
	<u>THOUSANDS</u>				
HEAD	1,975	3,150	45	0	5,170
AVG WT	15.43	32.18	24.70	0.00	25.82
LAST WEEK	1,969	3,057	83	6	5,115
SAME WK YR AGO	2,099	3,188	77	24	5,388
AVG WT	15.42	31.76	24.39	26.73	24.62
TO-DATE/2001	78,059	106,684	1,711	429	186,883
TO-DATE/2000	185,819(A)		1,095	1,099	188,013

(A) Comparable data not available for last year, this data is comprised of hens and toms.

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 4 OCTOBER 2001.

Trade sentiment steady to weak on tom breast meat, steady to instances weak on destrapped tenderloins, and fully steady on breast trim, scapula, and wing meat. Demand light to fair on fresh tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins, slow on frozen tom breast meat and frozen destrapped tenderloins. Offerings of tom breast meat and frozen destrapped tenderloins available, fresh destrapped tenderloins mixed. Interest continued active on wing meat, breast trim, and scapula for the limited offerings. Trade sentiment on 15-20% mechanically separated turkey (MST) steady to instances weak. Trading centered on a light volume of frozen MST for export, balance slow.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		W	136.86	420
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	38.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	39.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	35.50	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	36.00-38.00		37.33	60
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	37.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		M	49.00	40
NECKS, TOM	35.00		35.00	20
NECKS, HEN		R	30.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	157.50	160
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	173.50-179.00		175.33	120
THIGH MEAT		W	70.00	80
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		W	69.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT	128.00-130.00		128.86	70
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	144.00	60
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	158.00		158.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	75.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	19.00	70
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	16.00		16.00	80
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		M	38.00	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		F	29.00	28
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	14.50-19.00		17.90	212
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	68.28	144

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins. 4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 5 OCTOBER 2001.

Undertone steady to weak on tom breast meat with lower trending offering prices still noted on fresh. Destrapped tenderloin undertone steady at best on fresh, frozen barely steady. Tom bulk parts undertone on 2-joint wings was steady to weak, full-cut wings fully steady, balance steady. Thigh meat undertone about steady with supplies held with varying degrees of confidence. Trading centered on a heavy volume of plant grade 4-8 lb. breasts for mostly October shipments and on a fair volume of fresh mechanically separated turkey, balance light. Frozen yearling thigh meat traded at 68 cents delivered domestic. For export: livers 27, hen 2-joint wings 46, frozen whole tenderloins 139 cents delivered.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		W	136.86	420	136.86	420
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	94.00-100.00		94.23	1,040	94.23	1,040
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	38.00-39.00		38.52	29	38.22	69
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	39.00	40		
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	35.50	80	35.67	120
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	36.00-38.00		37.20	46	37.27	106
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	35.00		35.00	40	35.75	160
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		M	49.00	40	49.00	40
NECKS, TOM	35.00-36.00		35.63	38	35.54	74
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	157.00		157.00	20	157.44	180
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	170.50-177.00		173.23	260	175.91	680
THIGH MEAT		W	70.00	80	70.00	80
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		W	69.00	40	69.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT						
SCAPULA MEAT	128.00		128.00	20	128.67	90
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	142.00-145.00		143.50	80	143.50	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		R	158.00	40	156.80	300
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	75.00	80	75.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	19.00	70		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	17.00-18.00		17.93	580	17.48	1,320
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	38.00		38.00	120	38.00	200
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	38.00		38.00	40	38.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS		F	29.00	28		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	14.50		14.50	104	16.81	368
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	68.28	144	68.28	144

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